

# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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*"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." ~ II Corinthians 5:20-21*

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## Administrator's News

By Dr. Teri Lynn Schrag, Superintendent

*He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

I love attending Cornerstone athletic competitions. My students know that I am not very athletic, but I am very competitive. And one of my favorite activities is to watch our students as they compete whether it is volleyball or cross country or basketball or Winterguard or Quiz Bowl or archery. But one aspect of watching the games or competition is getting there. Some of our games are far afield like Allen, Nebraska, or Axtell. If you are like me, you have never heard of these towns before seeing them on the athletic schedule. So on the morning of the game, I use the map app on my phone to see how long it will take me to get to the game and what are some of the main roads that I will need to take. Once I am in the car, I get turn by turn directions until I arrive at my destination. Years ago, it was a very different story. We would pull out a map, carefully unfold it so that it would not tear along the folds and plot our way to the new destination. That method was cumbersome and it was best done as a team, one driver and one friendly and helpful navigator.

Our walk with the Lord is very similar to this. We need someone to tell us directions, turn by turn, until we reach our destination. We know that we are to walk near to the Lord, but each day we need clarity in this, direction, to be shown the path, the way. The Lord spoke of this to His disciples. He promised them a Comforter, a Helper, to walk with them day by day.

*And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever. John 14:16*

And He instructed them before His ascension to wait in Jerusalem for the baptizing of this Comforter, the Holy Spirit. They were to wait for the fulfillment of this promise.

*And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "You heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1:4-5*

And because of their obedience and the filling of the Holy Spirit, we see how the Lord built His church.

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47*

Praying today that the Lord is adding to the number of those who believe because of our devotion to Him!

- May 1 WAT (home style)
  - May 4 Chapel on-line with Mr. Hood, 10 AM
  - May 7 Chapel on-line with Mr. Hood, 10 AM
  - May 8 Seniors Last Day
  - May 11 Chapel on-line with Mr. Hood, 10 AM
  - May 13-15 High School Finals
  - May 14 Chapel on-line with Mr. Hood, 10 AM
  - May 15 Last Day of School
- Senior graduation information will be sent as it comes available



**Cornerstone Christian School  
Summer Office Hours**

Pre-K—MS Campus – Mon, Wed & Thur, 9 AM - 1 PM  
 High School Campus – Tues, 9 AM - 1 PM  
 Offices are closed on Fridays

**Events & Info**



Cornerstone Christian High School Senior, Gabe Poppen, signed with Bellevue University for Cross Country and Track. Congratulations, Gabe!



**Fireworks Stand**

**June 24 - July 4**

(Potential fireworks stand dates)

We appreciate all the volunteers who make this such a wonderful event.

All proceeds go towards the CCS tuition assistance fund!

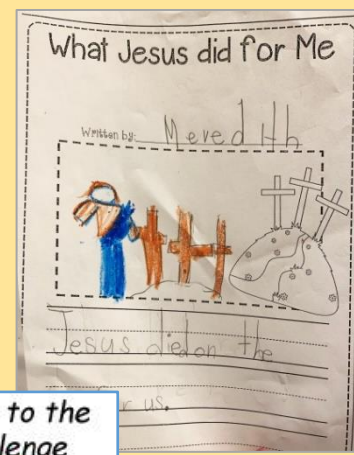
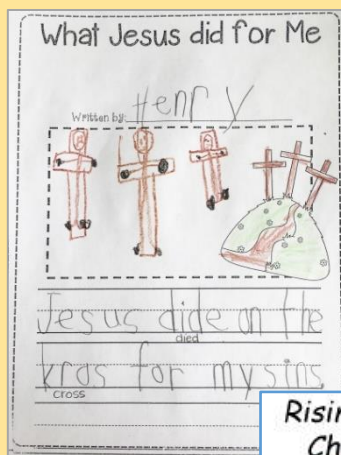
Watch your email for more info and sign-up!

— Kindergarten —

*Evan could not stop smiling after class with you. Thanks for all you're doing from afar and behind the scenes!*



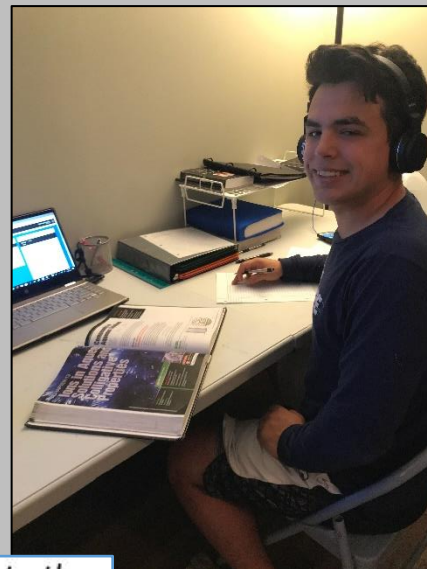
Kindergarten students submitted their Bible writing assignments from Easter week.





**Overheard from one of our Cornerstone teachers**

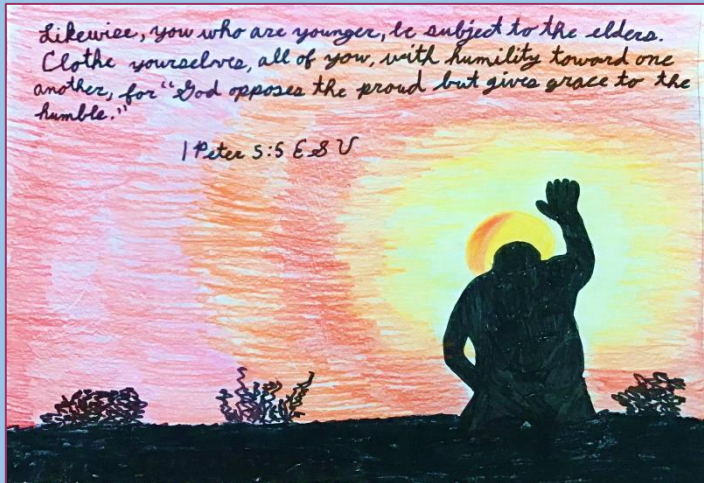
*“Teaching right now is kind of like trying to build an airplane while flying it. Quite the adventure for sure!”*



Cornerstone Christian High Schoolers working diligently at home.



— Fifth Grade —



**Memory Work** – by Mrs. Jennifer Brollier

Our fifth graders made verse posters since we weren't in the classroom to test their memory work. This was what Kris H. submitted.

*Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ~ 1 Peter 5:5*



**Devotions** – by Mrs. Aimee Smith

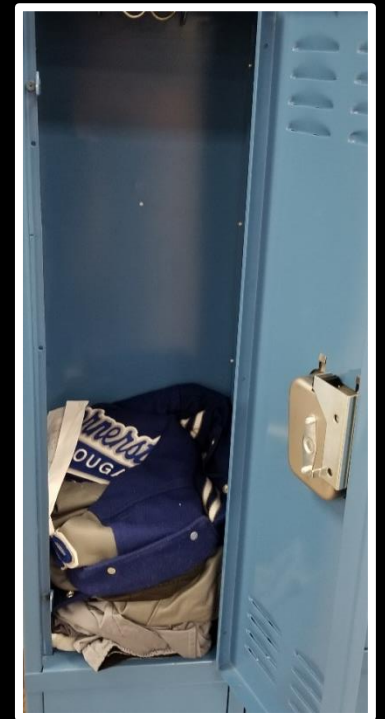
Team Smith has been meeting at least once a week for class devotions. Today, we met and prayed for our school and nation. We all shared five things that we were thankful that the Lord placed in our lives. We did our class devotions and talked about how God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We ended with showing a special toy that we had been given and why it was something we held close to our hearts.





**Gettysburg Triaramas –** By Mr. Kyle Sittler  
 Students in Mr. Sittler's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class created Triaramas to illustrate their favorite scene from the novel they have been reading.

Pictured here is: Westen Wittrock's depiction of Ch. 10 of *"I Survived the Battle of Gettysburg... 1863* by Lauren Tarshish."



**Locker Cleanup & Textbook Returns –**

Middle & High School Students - We will be sending out a schedule soon for locker cleanup & textbook return.

**Marigold Bakes a Cake: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Artwork–** by Mrs. Julie Clarahan

The second graders were inspired by the book *Marigold Bakes a Cake* by Mike Malbrough. It's the story of a cat who likes to bake cakes. We practiced using watercolors and oil pastels. The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders did a purrrfect job on their cat pictures.





**Walk-a-thon 2020 –**

*Our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk by Faith Walk-a-thon is now part of our school’s history. Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, didn’t look anything like I planned. But, you know what, that’s OK. It was a great day! I received so many wonderful emails and pictures of your adventures that it was almost as if I was there with you (I’m very good at using my imagination).*

*The most important part of this past Friday was the fact that even though we were all in our own spaces away from each other, we were together in spirit and in love. This is what makes Cornerstone Christian School one of my favorite places on earth. This sense of community and our shared love and devotion to God.*

*We’ve raised over \$73,000 for Cornerstone this year. He provides for Cornerstone and meets our needs in all things. Because, God is good...all the time and All the time...God is good.*

*As I begin to ponder things for our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-a-thon in 2021 (yes, I really do start thinking about it now), I am thankful that God is in charge and that He gives us the strength to overcome the many obstacles that are put in our paths. Knowing that makes it so much easier to glorify Him in all that we do.*

*Thank you to everyone who helped to make today special. I have appreciated your prayers, your encouragement, as well as your grace when things didn’t go quite as I planned.*

*Blessings, hugs, and love to you all,  
Mrs. Clarahan*





### Mrs. Heidi Gilliland



I am happy to introduce Heidi Gilliland as our Staff Spotlight for May. She has lived in Omaha her whole life, which she says is nice because that is close to a lot of family. After graduating from Roncalli Catholic High School, she attended UNO. Her initial major was English Education, but then she graduated instead with a degree in English with a concentration in Creative Non-fiction. While at UNO she met her husband, Aaron. Heidi and Aaron have been married for 14 years and have two sons - both attend Cornerstone. Henry is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Thomas is in Kindergarten.



Heidi has enjoyed volunteering at Cornerstone as a “lunch lady” for the last two years. The 2019/2020 school year was Heidi’s first year working at Cornerstone as a receptionist in the front office. She said, *“I love the aspect of connecting with so many families at the front office, but my most cherished responsibilities are making sure kids who are hurt or don’t feel good have someone to care for them until they are back with their family.”*

Heidi shares with us how the adjustment of work and school from home has affected her and her family. *“I have always loved baking and cooking new recipes. Now that we are all spending more time at home, I have been blessed to experiment in the kitchen with the addition of two great helpers. While this time at home has presented challenges to how my children learn, how I*

*can continue to support Cornerstone, and how my husband can work; it has also given us a renewed appreciation for living a slower pace. We are able to spend our days unscripted, have deeper conversations, and find creative ways to engage with each other. As the definition of normal continues to change, there are some parts of this current normal I hope do not change.”*

**Favorite Scripture:** *“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not grow weary; and they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31*

Heidi says, *“This is certainly a time of waiting and I believe for those who are trusting in the Lord we really will come out stronger on the other side.”*

**Cornerstone Christian School**

*Educating children to become learners – equipped with Godly character and Biblical Truth.*



Have a wonderful summer!